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T-P 2/10/72, p. 10, story headed Prober Escapes Death By Inches, AP, recounts close call in Houston when Senate investigator was attacked. He went there to interview prisoner Jack Harold Halfen, "said to be a long-time friend of deputed Louisiana rackets figure Carlos Marcello."

"Halfen received two consecutive prison terms here Tuesday for interstate transportation of forged money orders stolen from a Louisiana bank."

This part is fascinating and I would be interest in anything in general on the subject. I presume this means real money orders were stolen and then cashed by forgery.

I believe this can be a missing link in a case on which I am working. Because of what should be obvious dangers involved, I prefer confidentiality on this. I ran more than enough risk in discussing the subject, as though it could not relate to Marcello, with one of his many attorneys, Cecil Burglass. This is one of the more obvious possibilities in conjecturing the contents of the mounted tire Ray smuggled into Mexico. There are very few things worth more in Mexico or more easily disposed of there.

In this connection, Gerold Frank provides valuable clues.

I do not believe Marcello is or has been connected with hard dope, what I discussed with Burglass. In the part of our conversation, which I could not tape and on which I could not take notes, dealing with smuggling cash or stolen, stocks, bonds, etc. (I was careful to stay away from money orders and travellers checks), Burglass volunteered the names of people in Jeff Parish who do this regularly. There are rumors that Larry Borenstein has been involved in such things.